SAI protests delay in cane crushing in Sindh

By Our Staff Correspondent

HYDERABAD: Sindh Abadgar Ittehad (SAI) president Nawab Zubair Talpur has announced to holding a protest here on Nov 24 (tomorrow) against delay in the commencement of crushing season.

In a statement issued here on Wednesday, he said that an SAI's petition on that issue was already pending. He stated that November was going to end, but crushing of sugar cane had not started by sugar mills in Sindh.

He said the sugar mills should have started crushing by October, but even after passage of considerable time in November, they had not started the crushing. He said that some mills in Punjab had started crushing of sugar cane.

He stated that when sugar's price was Rs120 per kg, sugar mills were procuring cane for Rs400 to Rs500 per 50kg. He said that now sugar's price stood at Rs230 but still Rs400 was offered to farmers.

He termed it the economic murder of farmers and said that if sugar cane was not harvested, how wheat cultivation would begin. He said that initially it was cotton and then paddy crop for which farmers faced inadequate price issue and now it was sugar cane's turn.

He said crushing of sugar cane always began early in Sindh due to early harvesting trends in the province. He said that if mills didn't begin crushing by Nov 24, the SAI would hold protest in Hyderabad the same day.

Two men gunned down in Hyderabad 'targeted attack'

MQM-P lawmaker accused of involvement in double murder

By Mohammad Hussain Khan

HYDERABAD: Two men were gunned down in Noorani Basti in a suspected targeted attack on Wednesday, officials said.

They said that assailants riding on motorbikes emerged at 'Kaka Saeen Hotel' near Mustafa Park within the remit of the Pinyari police station, opened indiscriminate fire on Zubair alias Jibbi and Asif Ghauri alias Chian and rode away.

Suffering multiple bullet wounds, both the men were taken to the Liaquat University Hospital, where doctors declared them dead on arrival.

Police Surgeon Dr Mohammad Wasim said Zubair and Asif suffered 22 and 12 bullet wounds, respectively.

Hyderabad SSP Adeel Hussain Chandio told *Dawn* that initial investigations revealed that Zubair was recently released from prison after serving life imprisonment in the murder case of one Rafiq Qureshi alias Bholu.

He said the double murder was allegedly carried out by Bholu's nephews. However, further investigations were underway, he said.

Relatives and friends of the deceased along with a large number of residents of the area arrived at the mortuary. They tried to attack a suspect Mukhtar – who happened to be spotted outside the mortuary. Policemen from Market police station locked him in MLO's office. Until a police mobile arrived he remained present there. Market police then shifted him to undisclosed location.

According to Siraj Qureshi, Zubair's elder brother Mukhtar was the nephew of one Rafiq councilor who was connected to the matter. He and his brothers, Muzamil and Nisar, accused an MQM-P's Sindh Assembly member from the area, Nasir Qureshi, of being involved in the double murder. But the MPA outright dismissed the charges.

"Rafiq councilor and his henchmen were visiting the area of Mustafa Park where Zubair was building a monument in memory of Pakistan Army's martyrs. I knew them personally and today they killed my brother," Siraj shouted outside the mortuary. Siraj alleged that Nasir Qureshi was issuing them threats that they should not build the monument as an MQM's plaque was also erected there. He claimed that the assailants were relatives of the lawmaker.

Muzamil told journalists in the hospital that the issue of old enmity had been settled in the past. He said now the MPA was objecting to building of the monument and that's why threats were being issued. He said the assailants had been identified.

Nisar Qureshi, Zubair's brother, told *Dawn* that Zubair was released from prison in this year's Ramazan after serving life term in the murder case of Rafiq alias Bholu Qureshi who was gunned down in Paretabad around 15 years ago. He said Bholu's supporters had tried to target him previously as well.

MPA Nasir Qureshi told *Dawn* on phone that Bholu Qureshi was indeed his distant relative, but Zubair was also his friend and he often approached him to seek help for different matters of the area for which he as MPA cooperated with him. He demanded transparent investigation of the double murder.

He rejected Siraj's charges of issuing any sort of threat to Zubair and said the plaque of the MQM's MPA pertained to the period early 2000 when Akram Adil was party's MPA in Altaf Hussain-led MQM. "At that time I was studying in college and that plaque was fixed for development works," he said. He later issued a formal statement as well.

Following the postmortem, the heirs placed the bodies near Akbar CNG in the area of Baldia police station in protest, blocking both sides of the National Highway. Police from different police stations was called.

CM approves transfer of land to SIUT Larkana

By M.B Kalhoro

LARKANA: Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Murad Ali Shah has approved the proposal to transfer land to the Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplant (SIUT) in Larkana and now the process may be expedited at the fastest possible pace following the procedural requirements.

The department of agriculture supply and prices on Nov 6, 2025 in a letter addressed to the secretary land utilisation department, the Board of Revenue, said that the summary for the purpose was floated with the CM, informed the sources privy to the proposal of the construction of around 200-bedded SIUT hospital with state-of-the-art facilities.

Approving the para-20 of the summary, the CM wrote "The LU (Land Utilisation) department may place the matter before the relevant committee and the cabinet as per procedure laid down in para 14/15 and 19".

This summary was floated in compliance with an order of the Sindh High Court circuit court, Larkana, dated 10.10.2025 passed in C.P No.1090 of 2025 filed by Safdar Ali, and the letter said which was signed by the section officer (A-II) of the agriculture supply and prices department.

The constitutional bench at Sindh High Court, circuit court, Larkana, passed order on Oct 10, asking the department of agriculture to issue notification of surrendering the identified land to the SIUT within seven days.

The court also directed the land utilization department to allot the land to the SIUT within 15 days and submit a compliance report. The petitioner said the Government of Sindh had allocated Rs4.5 billion for the construction of 200-bedded hospital of SIUT in the budget.

BEFORE MR. MUHAMMAD SAAD QURESHI (JUDGE)
IN THE BANKING COURT NO. I, AT KARACHI
Block-55- Pakistan Secretariat, near Passport Office Saddar, Karachi
SUIT NO. 252 OF 2025

BANK ISLAMI PAKISTAN LIMITED, HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT 11TH FLOOR EXECUTIVE TOWER, DOLMEN CITY, MARINE DRIVE BLOCK 4, CLIFTON KARACHI..... **PLAINTIFF**
VERSUS
1.M/S. ASIF &, SONS (A PROPRIETORSHIP CONCERN THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR) MUHAMMAD OWAIS ASIF HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT SHOP NO G-1, RIMPA PLAZA, M A JINNAH ROAD, KARACHI. **2. MR. MUHAMMAD OWAIS ASIF S/O ASIF IMRAN (GUARANTOR):** MUSLIM, ADULT, HOLDING CNIC NO.42101-8240899-9, RESIDENT OF FLAT NO. 33, AL-RAFIQUE PLAZA BLOCK-B, NORTH NAZIMABAD, KARACHI **AND** ALSO AT RESIDENT OF FLAT NO.A-105, FIRST FLOOR,MUHAMMADI PLAZA, SUB PLOT NO IV- C/7/A-05 OF PLOT NO. IV-C/7, SITUATED AT BLOCK NO. 04, OLD NAZIMABAD, NEAR ABDULLAH FLOUR MILLS, KARACHI, **3. MUHAMMAD AQIB ASIF SON OF ASIF IMRAN (GUARARTOR)** MUSLIM, ADULT, HOLDING CNIC NO.42101-6472713-1, RESIDENT OF FLAT NO. A-105, FIRST FLOOR, MUHAMMADI PLAZA, SUB PLOT NO. IV-C/7-A-05 OF PLOT NO. IV-C/7, SITUATED AT BLOCK NO. 04, OLD NAZIMABAD, NEAR ABDULLAH FLOUR MILL KARACHI, **4. MRS. NAZLI ASIF W/O OF ASIF IMRAN (MORTGAGOR)** MUSLIM, ADULT, HOLDING CNIC NO.42101-9335222-0, RESIDENT OF FLAT NO. A-105, FIRST FLOOR, MUHAMMADI PLAZA, SUB PLOT NO IV-C/7/A-05 OF PLOT NO. IV-C/7, SITUATED AT BLOCK NO. 04, OLD NAZIMABAD., NEAR ABDULLAH FLOUR MILL KARACHI.....**DEFENDANTS**

To. The above named Defendant.
Whereas the Plaintiff abovenamed has instituted a Suit against you under the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance 2001 for **Rs.7,477,078/- ALONG WITH COST OF FUNDS, CHARGIS COSTS, TILL THE REALISATION OF THE WHOLE AMOUNT** balance of principle and markup due to you; you are therefore hereby summoned to obtain leave from the Court within 30 days from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you. In default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such 30 days to obtain a decree for any sum not exceeding the sum of **RS.7,477,078/-** and sum of Rs.(Not Yet determined) for costs together with such markup and cost of fund, if any, from the date of institution of the suit as the Court may order. Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the Court supported by affidavit or declaration showing that there is a defence to the suit on the merits, or that it is reasonable that you should be allowed to appear in the suit.
Matter is fixed on 14th day of JANUARY, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. before the banking court-I, Karachi.
Given under my hand and seal of the court this 13th day of November 2025.

BY ORDER
READER
BANKING COURT No. I, KARACHI

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With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our beloved father,

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AYAZ AHMED KHAN HI (M), SBt

who left us peacefully on Tuesday, the 18th of November, 2025.

The Namaz-e-Janazah will be held
on **Friday, 21st November**,
at **11:30 a.m. at House No. 6, Street 69, F-8/3**
Dua/Qul will be held on **Saturday at 12 pm** (same address as above)

Bereaved family:
Mrs. Zarina Ayaz Khan, Fowzia and Omar Bangash, Fawad and Farrial Fawad Khan, Shazia and Taimur Zaman, Muneeza Ayaz Khan, Asad Ayaz Khan, Grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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PROGRAMME

SATURDAY, 22 NOV 2025 | 1 to 9:30 pm
SUNDAY, 23 NOV 2025 | 12 to 9:30 pm

Founded by Ameena Saiyid and Asif Farrukhi
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DAWN

INAUGURATION OF THE ADAB FESTIVAL

PRESIDED OVER BY ZEHRA NIGAH. MC: Pomme Amina Gohar
Saturday, 22 November 2025 | 12:45-1 pm: Arrival of Guests
1.00 - 1:05 pm: National Anthem by Roots Millennium School students
1.05 -1:10 pm: Welcome by Adab Fest Founder and Director **Ameena Saiyid** Sitara e Imtiaz, Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, OBE
1.10 - 1:15 pm: Welcome by the venue partner, CEO of IBL Group, **Munis Abdullah**
1.15 - 1:30 pm: The 2025 Infaq Foundation - Adab Festival awards for writing in Sindhi, Urdu and English.
1.30 - 1:45 pm: Speeches: **Kishwar Naheed**, **Dr Ishrat Husain**, **Shandana Minhas**
1:45-1:50 Tum Yaad Aaye: Remembering Departed Luminaries 2020-2025. Aamer Aziz Saiyid, Arfa Sayeda Zehra, Nuzhat Kidvai, Zubeida Mustafa: Shahtaj Faruqui, Talat Husain, Qavi, Zia Mohyeddin, Shoaib and Humair Hashmi, Amjad Islam Amjad, Shakeel, Imran Aslam, Nayyara Noor, Imdad Hosseini, Sheherezade Alam, Haseena Moin, Suhail Lari, I. A. Rehman, Asif Farrukhi.
Shayma Saiyid performs Nayyara Noor's original rendition of Nasir Kazmi's poetry, composed by **Arshad Mahmud**.
1:50-1:55 Bol Keh Lub Aazaad Hain Tere **Usama Israr Ahmed** sings Tina Sani's original rendition of Faiz, composed by Arshad Mahmud.
ALL DAY, BOTH DAYS Book and Craft Fair Sponsor Stalls | Author Signings | Media Room | Children's Strand (Rockville & Arena) featuring Talent Show, Storytelling by Yasmin Motasim, Puppet Show by **Mehreen Kamran** and **Yasmin Motasim**, The Art of Bookmaking by Ameena Saiyid, Theatre and Storytelling by **Atif Badar**. Book launch of Kidnapped by **Arshaan Lakhani**.
2 TO 4 pm, BOTH DAYS: Creative Writing Workshop by **Taha Kehar** for Ages 13-19. 1st floor. Limited Seats. Register at +92313313878

SATURDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2025

CITY TALK

جو سن سکو تو یہ سب داستان تمہاری ہے: ادب کے بدلتے چہرے اور ہم
2-2:55 pm JO SUN SAKO TO YEH SAB DAASTAAN TUMHARI HAI: ADAB KE BADALTE CHEHRE AUR HUM: ZEHRA NIGAH IN CONVERSATION WITH SHOAIB ARSHAD
3-3:55 pm KARACHI BIENNALE: CONNECTING ART, THE CITY AND ITS PEOPLE. Documentary screening & discussion. Noor Ahmed, Amin Gulgee, Bushra Hussain. Moderator: Syed Hasnain Nawab
4-4:25 pm BOOK LAUNCH: AMBER ZAFFAR KHAN'S MY FRIEND MAYA Khurram Koraishy with the author
4:30-4:55 pm BOOK TALK: SHABBAR ZAIDI'S 32 ONKAR ROAD Salim Raza with the author
5-5:25 pm HEER: THE WOMAN OF TODAY. CELEBRATING WARIS SHAH'S MASTERPIECE Sarwat Mohiuddin with a Sufi song by Usama Israr Ahmed
5:30-6:25 pm BOOK LAUNCH. SHAMA ASKARI'S ENGLISH TRANSLATION FROM URDU OF THE PASHTO ORIGINAL BY HAYAT ROGHAANI: QUEEN ZARQA: A TRANSGENDER›S ODYSSEY Nisha and Naila Mahmood with the translator. Moderator: Hoori Noorani
6:30-7:25 pm TRUTH, TRUST AND TENACITY: THE NEW MEDIA PARADIGM
Fazil Jamili, Amber Rahim Shamsi, Azhar Abbas, Azaz Syed. Moderator: Nadia Naqi
7:30-8:25 pm MUSHAIRAH: PAKISTANI ZUBANAIN
Sadia Lashari (Siraiki), Ishaq Khamosh (Balochi), Masroor Pirzado (Sindhi), Shaukat Kamal Cheema (Punjabi), Sarwar Shamal (Pashto), Ali Ahmed Jan (Burushaski), Qamar Kazmi (Balti). Moderator: Waheed Noor
8:30-9:30 pm USAMA ISRAR AHMED'S TRIBUTE IN TARANNUM TO TINA SANI AND NAYYARA NOOR AND THE GREAT POETRY THEY HAVE SUNG

ARENA

2-2:25 pm BOOK TALK: ZAHID HUSSAIN'S A DIALOGUE WITH HISTORY and FACE TO FACE WITH BENAZIR. Dr Omair Ahmed Khan, Dr Nafisa Shah with the author
2:30-2:55 pm THE EVOLUTION AND DECLINE OF PROGRESSIVE LITERATURE AND POLITICS IN PAKISTAN. Dr Naazir Mehmood and Dr Syed Jaffar Ahmed
3-3:55 pm THE CULTURAL RELATIONSHIP OF SINDH WITH THE RIVER AND THE SEA Saif Samejo, Naseer Memon, Zubaida Bhirwani. Moderator: Noor Ul Huda Shah
4-4:55 pm BOOK TALK: THE FUTURE OF CIVILIZATION BY SYED MUHAMMAD TAQI, TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH BY SUMERA NAQVI. Zafar Masud and Kazim Saeed with the translator. Moderator: Lubna Jerar Naqvi
5-5:25 pm BOOK LAUNCH: ZUBEIDA MUSTAFA'S CHATTING WITH DAADI. Dramatic Readings: Asma Mundrawala, Shama Askari. Discussion: Shama Askari, Ameena Saiyid, Baela Raza Jamil, Rumana Husain. Moderator: Shazia Hasan
6:30-7:25 pm THE FUTURE OF LEARNING, TECH & TEACHING: SCHOOL EDUCATION. Dr Fauzia Khan, Dr Naveed Yousuf, Salma Alam, M. Hassan Khan. Moderator: Dr Anjum Halai
7:30-8:25 pm THE FUTURE OF LEARNING, TECH & TEACHING: HIGHER EDUCATION. Dr Anjum Halai, Dr Muhammad Ali Shaikh, Talib Karim, Dr Huma Baqai. Moderator: Dr Syed Jaffar Ahmed
8:30-9:30 pm MUSHAIRAH: Sadarat: Zehra Nigah. Chief Guests: Dr Pirzada Qasim Raza Siddiqui and Anwar Shaoor. Nizamat: Nasira Zuberi. Poets: Afzal Ahmed Syed, Dr Tanveer Anjum, Khalid Moeen, Kashif Hussain Ghayar, Waheed Noor, Fazil Jamili, Inaam Nadeem, Kashif Raza, Wajih Sani, Dr Mana, Dr Najeeba Arif, Kishwar Naheed

SUNDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2025

CITY TALK

12-12:55 pm DESIGNING TOMORROW WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE Jehan Ara, Dr Salman Khatani, Sadaf Bhatti Moderator: Ahsan Siddiqui
1-1:55 pm THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MUSICALIZATION OF LITERATURE. A talk by Arshad Mahmud with recorded music.
2-2:25 pm BOOK LAUNCH. PEERZADA SALMAN'S FEVER LOG AND OTHER STORIES. Amber Paracha with the author
2:30-2:55 pm BOOK LAUNCH. AMBER ROMASA NAGORI'S TALES OF AGNIMITRA AND TAMANA. Athar Tahir with the author. Moderator: Kamila Habib
3-3:55 pm MEDITATION, SPIRITUALITY AND ABSOLUTE INTELLIGENCE. Naeem Zamindar introduced by Raheela Baqai
4-4:25 pm BOOK LAUNCH. ATHAR TAHIR'S WHERE CICADAS SING. Safinah Danish Elahi and Christie Marie Lauder with the author. Moderator: Shahzad Abdullah
4:30-4:55 pm SHANDANA MINHAS IN CONVERSATION WITH TAHA KEHAR
5-5:55 pm YASMEEN LARI: ENDING POVERTY IN POST-FLOOD COMMUNITIES. ONE MILLION FAMILIES AT A TIME.
Syed Rafi Ahmed and Shayma Saiyid with Yasmeen Lari
6-6:55 pm BOOK LAUNCH: FARHATULLAH BABAR'S BEYOND THE BOMB: MUNIR AHMED AND PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR ODYSSEY Mazhar Abbas, Ameena Saiyid, Azaz Syed with the author. Moderator: Omayr Aziz Saiyid . Song by Aiyra: Watan Ki Mitti Gavaah Rehna
7-7:45 pm TIDINGS FROM THE TREES: A session in English, Urdu and Punjabi. Sarwat Mohiuddin. Introduction: Raheela Baqai
7:50-8:45 pm ANTI-SOCIAL SATIRE ON SOCIAL MEDIA Nadeem F. Paracha, Zarrar Khuhro, Shehzad Ghias

ARENA

12-12:55 pm LEADERS OF TOMORROW: A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG CHANGEMAKERS. Arsalan Bukhari, Naael Ebrahim, Maha Hasan, Shoaib Arshad. Moderator: Ayiza Salman
1-1:25 pm BOOK TALK: NADYA CHISHTY-MUJAHID'S PERENNIAL COLLEGE TALES. Taha Kehar with the author
1:30-1:55 pm ECHOES OF MOHENJODARO: OUR LEGACY, EXCAVATIONS AND THE FUTURE. Nasreen Iqbal, Afia Salam, Dr Asma Ibrahim. Introduction: Raheela Baqai
2-2:55 pm POWER WOMEN OF PAKISTAN: HER STORY, OUR FUTURE. Saira Awan Malik, Mahtab Rashdi, Dr Sharmila Faruqi. Moderator: Zarrar Khuhro. Recitation.Uth Meri Jaan Mere Saath Hi Chalna Hai Tujhe by Kaifi Azmi
3-3:55 pm BOOK: SHEHZAD GHIAS'S PAKISTAN LOST: IDEAS ON THE IDEA OF PAKISTAN. Nadeem F. Paracha, Zahid Hussain, Omar Shahid Hamid with the author. Moderator: Amber Rahim Shamsi
4-4:55 pm YEH HUM GUNAHGAR AURTAIN HAIN (WE SINFUL WOMEN): IN CONVERSATION WITH KISHWAR NAHEED. Huma Baqai, Wusatullah Khan, Uzma Farman Farooqui. Moderator: Noor Ul Huda Shah. Presided over by Zehra Nigah
5-5:55 pm BOOKS TALK: URDU ADAB MEIN TAKHLEEQ KI NAI LEHR. INAM NADEEM'S TASVEER MEIN CHALTA AADMI. Afzaal Ahmed Syed, Johar Mehdi with the poet. NASIRA ZUBERI'S BEMAUSAMI KHWAHISHEIN. Farasat Rizvi with the poet. NAJEEBA ARIF'S MAKHOOTA. Karan Singh with the author.
6-6:55 pm MIRROR TO SOCIETY: THE JOURNEY OF PAKISTANI FILM AND TV DRAMA Hina Bayat, Arshad Mahmud, Alyy Khan, Ayesha Toor, Junaid Khan, Misbah Khalid. Moderator: Khaled Anam
7-7:25 pm BOOK TALK. MIAN RAZA RABBANI'S THE SMILE SNATCHERS: A TIMELESS TALE OF CHILDREN, CONFLICT, RESISTANCE AND HOPE IN GAZA. Hameed Haroon with the author
7:30-8:45 pm GULGEE MUSEUM-THE HANDBOOK, EDITED BY JOHN MCCARRY. Nusrat Khawaja, Niilofur Farrukh, Bina Shah, Adam Fahy-Majeed, Tara Uzra-Dawood, John McCarry. Performance Art: Jamal Ashiqain, Umaina Khan, Faran Qureshi, Farrukh Shahab. Moderator: Amin Gulgee
8:50 pm onwards MUSIC CONCERT BY SAIF SAMEJO